

Eco-Explorers Camp

Parent Packet

2016



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Welcome to Eco-Explorers Camp!

We have been preparing for your campers' arrival for some time now and are extremely excited for camp to begin. We are looking forward to a summer filled with fun adventures, lots of smiles, and new friends.

Camp Location

Powell Drive Park is located at 740 Powell Drive, Raleigh, North Carolina 27607.

Camp Staff

We have assembled a highly qualified and well trained team who are excited to spend the summer having fun with your camper. All staff attend Camp College which prepares them for summer camp. Trainings include philosophies about developmental stages, learning styles, conflict management, positive behavior reinforcement, various outdoor skills and certifications. All staff also must pass a criminal background screening prior to working with Raleigh Parks, Recreation and Cultural Resources. All staff will wear camp shirts and a photo identification badge.

Calling Camp

If you know that your child will not be at camp for the day, please call and let us know. If you will be picking your child up early; please call at least an hour ahead, send in a note, or tell the director so we can have them ready for you. Please contact Jenn Steele – Camp Supervisor (919-398-2075) for any concerns.

Drop off/ Pick up:

For camper security, we utilize photo ID's and/or Security Tags for sign out.

Legal guardians and other individuals listed on the participant registration form as an authorized pick up person will be issued a security key tag. Key tags may be obtained from the site on the first day of the camp program by showing a photo ID.

Drop-off: 9:00-9:30am, our activities will begin promptly at 9:30am, please be on-time. For our 9-10 year old campers, we will be leaving the camp site for the day on Tuesdays and Thursdays promptly at 9:30am.

Pick up: 4:30-5:00pm

Late Fee Policy: \$5 for the first 10 minutes, \$1 for each minute after. This is your friendly reminder so be prepared to pay at arrival.

If you need to drop your child off late/pick your camper up early, a written note or phone call is required to ensure that we have staff available to assist you.

Camper Attire:

Please send your child to camp in cool, comfortable clothes. Tennis shoes (closed toed with heel strap) are required at all times- flip flops, sandals, open toed shoes, Heeleys ® and shoes with high heels are not permitted. Please send closed toed shoes with a heel strap that can get wet and muddy (old tennis shoes are great). Campers ages 9-10, will need closed toed shoes that can get wet/muddy during boating. It is a good practice to send your camper with a complete change of clothes each day. Please label all belongings. If something is misplaced please check the lost & found.

What not to Bring:

Cell phones, jewelry, electronics, video games, iPods or other personal audio equipment, Gameboys, toys, stuffed animals, pets, pocket knives, aerosol cans, and water guns. Staff will confiscate inappropriate items if they are brought to camp. They will be returned to parent/guardian at the end of the camp day. Campers may bring an appropriate book to read during quiet time.

Daily Camp Necessities:

****PLEASE LABEL EVERYTHING****

Towel, swimwear (one piece required for females, no speedo type briefs for males), sunscreen, insect repellent **lunch, 2 snacks, reusable water bottle**, tennis shoes, change of clothes & shoes.

Sunscreen & Insect Repellent:

Please apply sunscreen and insect repellent to your child before camp. There are opportunities for your child to reapply at morning snack, lunch, and afternoon snack. Mist/spray sunscreen is recommended.

Group Numbers and Staff:

We maintain a 6:1 staff to camper ratio during activity periods.

Swimming and Boating (9-10 year olds only):

Boating will take place at Lake Johnson Park as weather, water quality, and scheduling allow. Swimming will take place at a City of Raleigh pool on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We travel by bus to and from Lake Johnson and the swimming pool. Campers must pass a swim test administered by lifeguards at the pool.

Medication:

Only medications which are medically necessary and cannot be scheduled outside of camp hours will be given. A Medication Permission Form must be completed and signed by a parent or guardian when medication is brought to camp (including prescriptions, inhalers, EPI Pens & over the counter medications).

Ticks

We live in a region with a high tick population. Ticks may carry serious diseases. To help protect campers, we do tick checks twice each day. You should check your camper each evening. Early tick removal may reduce the risk of infection of some tick-borne diseases. Some insect repellants may help protect against ticks. Contact a physician if your camper develops potential tick-borne symptoms. Please consult the Center for Disease Control's tick info website if you have further questions: <http://www.cdc.gov/lyme> or call 1-800-232-4636.

Activities:

Campers will participate in a variety of recreational/educational activities daily. The best made plans can change due to weather, water or air quality. Staff will be prepared with alternative activities.

2016 Themes

June 13-17	Forest Exploration
June 20-24	Creepy Crawlies
June 27-July 1	Hide and Seek Wildlife
July 5-8	Reptiles Rock
No camp on Monday July 4	
July 11-15	Water Wonders
July 25-29	Critter Engineers
August 1-5	Backyard Buddies